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AGAINST MR. STOCKTON.

The Times-Union and Citizen has "astonished the natives" by coming out boldly and declaring emphatically against the candidacy of John N. C. Stockton for United States senator two years hence. Our esteemed and able State organ does not usually express an opinion about anything except sweet potatoes, Miami, the dispensary, West Palm Beach, sugar cane, Nassau hotels, pineapples and kindred subjects; hence the surprise that it should deviate from its accustomed course to explode a political view upon an unsuspecting and innocent people.

This may lead the people to paraphrase Virgil: "Timeo Danaos et opiniones ferentes," and cause them to view with tolerance, if not with favor, Mr. Stockton's pretensions. Some body might have suspected Mr. Stockton of being a very bad man if our able contemporary had not "slandered" against him.

The fact is, the people of Florida have become suspicious of the newspapers, especially of the great ones, and now take what they say cum grano salis—indeed, with several grains of salt. That's why Mr. Day didn't win. Morgan's letter was it in it.

The newspapers supported Mr. Day, and the people thought that he had been a railroad man and probably still was one and the commission under his chairmanship had not made life lovely for them—they thought the railroads had bought up the newspapers and accordingly they undertook to think for themselves and they thought Mr. Day had a cat in the meal-tub, a nigger in the wood-pile or something else equally as horrible, and so they voted against him.

And now, if the Times-Union and Citizen persists in declaring that John Stockton is a dreadful fellow, the people are almost sure to think another way, and we shall have the hardest kind of work to induce them to vote for either Tallaferrero or Jennings, both of whom will be in the race.

It would make no difference what any body or any newspaper said, were it not that we are to have another of these confounded and confounding primaries, in which you can do nothing with the people. Florida Democratic voters have got to be the most obstinate folks in the world and they won't vote the way the newspapers tell them. They have found out that they have heads of their own and they have learned how to use them.

They are horribly suspicious, so much so that they won't believe anything that the Times-Union and Citizen says, except upon the subjects of horticulture, astronomy, pieciculture and the destinies of Europe.

But the primary to nominate a candidate to succeed Senator Tallaferrero is two years off, and much may be said and done in that time. In fact, by then Mr. Stockton may be dead or running a bank in Russia.

Editor Stovall, with characteristic bluck and enterprise, proposes to make the Tampa Tribune the representative newspaper of Florida. Accordingly, he has ordered a perfecting press and an additional Mergenthaler type-setting machine, with which, added to his journalistic grit in saying what he thinks, he will take a stride ahead of the great and only Times-Union and Citizen. South Florida and the West Coast need a well equipped, representative daily newspaper, and THE HERALD is rejoiced to know that Brother Stovall is going to supply the want. This entire section should give him a cordial support in his laudable undertaking.

Regardless of the fact that the East Coast has plenty of newspapers of its own, the Ocala Banner last Sunday issued a special edition setting forth the attractions and advantages of that section and it did the work splendidly. The Banner is a friend to all sections of the State.

Gen. J. J. Dickson, known all over Florida as a confederate hero, died at his home in Ocala last Saturday night and was buried in Jacksonville Tuesday. His deeds of renown were performed in this State and won him the sobriquet of the "Marion of Florida." He was 88 years old.

The esteemed and able Gainesville Sun is trying to keep the Florida Christian Advocate in the straight path of Christian orthodoxy. It seems funny that a secular paper should feel called upon to correct a religious paper for heterodoxy.

SHARPIES COLLIDE.

Wednesday evening down the bay, below Cape Hays light, the sharpie "Chase" ran into the sharpie "Vigilant" and knocked off her foremast, breaking it into three pieces, and damaging her hull. No one of either crew was hurt.

The injured boat was towed to a favorable anchorage and left to be brought up later for repairs. She was going out, while the "Chase" was coming in with a cargo of fish. The latter belongs to the Florida Fish and Produce Co.; the "Vigilant" is owned by John Savarese.

Details as to how the accident occurred had not been received when THE HERALD went to press.

SHIPMENTS OF FISH.

Since the beginning of the season, Aug. 15th, and up to Wednesday night, 27th inst., twenty-one solid cars and 650 barrels of fish had been shipped from Punta Gorda. Of these, 12 cars and 10 barrels went by freight and 9 cars and 640 barrels by express.

Each car contains an average of 23,000 pounds of fish and 4,000 pounds of ice and each barrel averages 200 pounds of fish. Accordingly, the total net weight of fish shipped hence during the twelve days mentioned is 615,000 pounds, which is at the rate of over 51,000 pounds per day.

The solid cars contain only mullet; the barrels contain trout, sheephead, pompano, mackerel and other bottom fish.

Solid cars go to Jacksonville, Savannah and Charleston.

INSPECTING OUR HARBOR.

Mr. Wm. Howell Caldwell, of the U. S. Army engineering corps, has been spending the week with Capt. K. B. Harvey on the launch "Lorraine," examining Pine Island and Gasparilla sounds, Lemon bay and upper Charlotte Harbor, with a view to providing for the commercial needs of these waters in the way of dredging and other harbor improvements. These usually follow the recommendations of his department.

It is probable that Gasparilla sound will be connected with Lemon bay by an inside passage known as the cut-off. A cut 4 feet deep and 50 feet wide could be put through this distance with about 90 days work. A dock line will be established in front of Punta Gorda.

IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

On Friday of last week Sheriff Fielder seized the stock of groceries of B. Bassett & Co. on attachments sworn out by Doty & Stowe, of Jacksonville, the Savannah Grocery Co., and Lucas Bros. and Avery & Owen Co. of Tampa. The claims of these creditors aggregated \$1200 and they were represented by our local attorney, Col. H. J. Spence. The stock of goods was auctioned off on Tuesday and was bought in by that popular and enterprising young gentleman, Mr. O. A. Morgan, who is now conducting the business for himself at the old stand. Read his advertisement.

The failure of Bassett & Co. is attributed to their inability to make prompt collections for a large amount of goods sold on short credit, chiefly to fishermen who did not begin work till Aug. 15th and consequently had not earned money to pay up before the failure occurred.

THE HERALD regrets the misfortunes of the firm and also the fact that they will not resume business.

If the ammonia and brine which have been ordered arrive in time, the mammoth ice plant will start to work next week. The dynamos, electric saws and other appliances for handling the 6-ton cakes of ice, are in position and ready for business. Work on the big buildings on the bay is progressing as fast as materials can be obtained. Much of the framing is up and enables one to form some idea of the magnitude of the structures.

People everywhere who may wish to buy fish by the barrel or car-load should read in this paper the card of the Chadwick Bros. Fish Co., which is managed by that veteran dealer, John C. Lewis. The company have recently doubled their facilities and are now prepared to fill all orders promptly for any amount of fish. Their reliability is well established and strangers need feel no hesitancy in dealing with them.

Tampa Tribune: Editor Jordan has returned from his summer vacation. THE HERALD is as bright as the noon-day sun and almost as warm.

Tampa Herald: Our recent announcement of the probability of Governor Jennings being the next United States senator from this state is meeting with many responses from the state press. The worth and ability of Florida's chief executive is recognized on all sides, and it is peculiarly fitting that the press of the state should take advantage of his absence from the state to say so many good things about him.

Punta Gorda imported 150 fishermen from North Carolina the other day. There was no strike among the Punta Gorda fishermen; only the Punta Gorda fishermen did not go out and get the fish, and it is alleged that the North Carolina fishermen will do the work. Let the Apalachicola fishermen stick a pin here—Apalachicola Times.

You're off, brother. We simply needed that many more fishermen to enable us to keep up with our rapidly increasing business. The local fishermen have never refused to work, but we did not have enough of them.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

R. K. Seward and Several Others Sell Out.

Several changes in Punta Gorda business concerns took place during the past week. The first was the failure of B. Bassett & Co. noted elsewhere in these columns.

Subsequently, J. L. Hux bought the blacksmith and wagon shop of L. T. Thomas on the bay shore near the railroad dock. Elias Keen, the expert, continues in the shop.

R. S. Windham sold his livery stable to Underhill & Son, hustling gentlemen from Fort Meade, and they are now in charge with Mr. Windham temporarily assisting them.

The most important change perhaps, was the sale of the R. K. Seward mercantile establishment to the Punta Gorda Trading Company, a solid concern composed of W. H. Brown, recently of Wilmington, N. C., and S. L. Drane of Tampa. Mr. Brown is in charge of the business as manager. The company propose to do a wholesale as well as a retail business and to this end have ordered a large quantity of goods of all kinds to bring the stock up to the requisite size and character. They will carry groceries, hardware, ship chandlery and about everything else in the line of general merchandise except piece dry goods.

Manager Brown is a live, progressive gentleman and is blessed with all the qualifications necessary to make a success of his enterprise. His appreciation of one of the means to success is shown in the fact that he has placed an advertisement in THE HERALD, to which the attention of all our readers is directed.

Mr. Seward has bought an interest in the general merchandise house of E. Woltzky and is giving the business his personal attention. This adds to both the strength and the popularity of the Woltzky establishment, which is one of the oldest and best known in the city. The two proprietors are young and energetic, experienced, accommodating; and being blessed with brains, capital and plenty of goods, they are sure to keep the house in its place in the front rank of the mercantile concerns of DeSoto county.

Finally, on Tuesday, Mr. O. A. Morgan bought the B. Bassett & Co. stock of groceries, confectioneries, tobacco and cigars and is now in charge of the business. He has replenished the stock and will keep it up-to-date in every particular. He is also continuing the fresh meat market in connection with the business and doing everything reasonable to merit a share of the public patronage. See his advertisement in this paper.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mrs. W. H. Brown, the accomplished wife of the polite manager of the Punta Gorda Trading Co., arrived this week, and she and her husband are occupying rooms at Hotel Punta Gorda. They will keep house as soon as they can secure one to keep.

MULLET WANTED—200 to 300 a day till closing season; highest cash price paid.—Z. H. Curry—31st.

Capt. Will Demere on Monday night treated a small party of ladies and gentlemen to a delightful excursion in his yacht on the bay. The ladies were: Mrs. Stella Gould, Mrs. Demere and Misses Florence Purdie and Pet Bartley. The gentlemen furnished music and the party paid a pleasant visit to the Curry family at Harbor View.

Lot of men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 straw hats going at 25c. each at J. R. Elliott's.—30

Here Are Bargains!

I offer for sale at less than half cost a good bicycle; also, a gold-filled watch, a 22-cal. Winchester rifle, a ball-bearing washing machine, a reversible hunting coat, a pair of hunting boots No. 7 good as new and several other useful articles at genuine sacrifice prices. Some of these may be seen at my store in the Freeman building.

O. A. MORGAN.

Mayor Freeman returned Tuesday morning from a week's visit to his mother at Wayside, near Macon, Ga. While there, he was joined by his wife, who had been visiting kindred in Perryville, Ky., and who came home with him. They brought back with them Willis Whitehead, a nephew of Mr. Freeman, and Wallace Camp, Mrs. Freeman's brother.

FISH! FISH!

Mullet each 5c., dressed 5c. lb. Sheephead 5c. lb., dressed 6c. lb. Mango snapper 5c. lb., dressed 6c. lb. Pompano 12 1/2c. lb., dressed 15c. lb. Mackerel, dressed, 10 to 15c. per lb. Prices subject to changes in the market.

J. E. MCINTOSH,

Retail Dealer.

LITTLETON FEMALE COLLEGE One of the most prosperous schools in the South. Room for 200 boarding pupils. Twenty-first Annual Session begins Sept. 17th. Large illustrated catalogue on application to Rev. J. M. Rhodes, A. M., President, Littleton, N. C.

MILK COW WANTED—fine one, of amiable disposition and with a capacity of not less than two gallons of good milk and a pound of butter per day.—A. P. JORDAN.

E. W. Brown
This signature is on every box of the genuine
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets
the remedy that cures a cold in one day

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following new advertisements appear in this paper:

W. G. Welles, Nocatee—lumber of all kinds and building materials. Chadwick Bros. Fish Co.—wholesale dealers in fresh salt-water fish. O. A. Morgan—staple and fancy groceries, fresh meats, fruits and vegetables.

The Punta Gorda Trading Co.—wholesale and retail grocers, dealers in hardware, ship chandlery, boat equipments, etc.

THE HERALD commends the above houses to the attention of its readers both here and elsewhere.

PINEAPPLE SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments of fancy pineapples made by express from this point for the week ending Aug. 27th:

Aug. 21th.....	61 crates
" 22.....	80 "
" 23.....	78 "
" 25.....	110 "
" 26.....	78 "
" 27.....	90 "

Total 476 crates

Shipped previously during the month 2,064

Total for the month 2,540

FENCE POSTS

THOUSANDS OF THEM

Delivered promptly anywhere wanted. Special Prices on Car-Load lots. Also,

BEACH SHELL

BY THE CAR LOAD—AT THE LOWEST PRICES—

J. H. VINING,

PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA.

WELLES OF NOCATEE

LUMBER OF ALL KINDS

and in Any Quantity on Short Notice.

Large Stock Seasoned Lumber Always on Hand.

MOULDINGS, BRACKETS, TURNED WORK, &c.

IF IN NEED OF BUILDING MATERIAL, WRITE FOR PRICES.

H. M. HIGGINBOTHAM,

THE PUNTA GORDA JEWELER,

MAKES A SPECIALTY OF FINE WORK. WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SPECTACLES and EYE GLASSES

Neatly and Promptly Repaired at W. A. Roberts Drug Store. Prices reasonable.

O. A. MORGAN,

GROCERIES AND FIXTURES IN THE FREEMAN BUILDING, PUNTA GORDA, FLA.

Is now prepared to Fill All Orders for Provisions of any kind promptly and at the LOWEST PRICES. The Meat Market in connection with the Store is continued and is WELL SUPPLIED WITH FRESH MEATS of all kinds in their season.

FREE DELIVERY TO ALL PARTS OF TOWN. My motto is full weights, correct measures and honest treatment.

O. A. MORGAN

CHADWICK BROS. FISH CO.,

JOHN C. LEWIS, MANAGER,

Solicits Wholesale Orders

For The Finest Salt Water Fish of All Kinds,

FROM A BARREL TO A CAR-LOAD.

Prompt Attention to Orders and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

THE BEST PAINT FOR BOATS,

Which Has Been Tried and Tested in Punta Gorda With Perfectly Satisfactory Results, is the

Phoenix Copper Paint,

For Which JAMES A. NEWSOME is Sole Agent.

The Best House Paint

in This Climate, as Has Been Proved, is the

Diamond Mixed Paint

Made From Pure Pigments Ground in Best Linseed Oil. This Can Also Be Obtained from

JAMES A. NEWSOME, Sole Agent, Punta Gorda Florida.

WORMS! WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE!

For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. GUARANTEED SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis. For sale by the DeSoto Drug Co.

THE LAST WEEK

OF EARLY closing is nearly past. Monday Sept. 1st we will be wide open for business as late as our customers require.

We still lead in low prices: get our prices on groceries, and see if we can't save you money.

Did you ever try Weston's cooking oil? We have it and it is cheaper than lard. Now is the time to cultivate a taste for Cottolene and Vegetable; all are guaranteed pure, and they are all under lard in price.

Our line of canned goods is unsurpassed.

Best butter obtainable, always fresh.

We sell furniture and hardware at very low prices.

McLane and Oliver.

No. 3 BANK BUILDING, TELEPHONE 6.

P. W. MCADOW, PRES. JNO. H. FARRINGTON, VICE-PRES. M. V. WILLIAMS, CASHIER

THE PUNTA GORDA BANK

Punta Gorda, Florida—

CAPITAL \$15,000.00.

Transacts a General Banking business, and offers every facility and accommodation to its customers consistent with prudent banking.

Accounts of firms and individuals solicited.

Florida Fertilizer Manufacturing Co.

P. O. Box No. 44

Gainesville, - Florida.

Established 1886

Manufacturers of High Grade Fertilizers.

Highest Cash Price Paid For Dry Bones.

McLANE AND OLIVER AGENTS, PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA.

THE SOLANA PINERIES COMPANY,

CHAS. G. DAVIS, Gen'l. Mgr. PUNTA GORDA, FLA.

Gives special attention to raising fine flavored Pineapples under shed.

Contracts for setting out and cultivating Pineries for non-residents.

Solicits correspondence from parties desiring Pineapple Plants in large or small quantities.

FIVE ACRES OF PINES UNDER ONE SHED.

Charlotte Harbor Lighterage and Stevedore Co

—OWNED AND OPERATED BY—

Albert F. Dewey,

Fully Equipped With Towboats and Lighters to Handle all Business With Promptness and Dispatch.

Can Furnish at Short Notice

The powerful steel tug "ALBERT F. DEWEY," completely equipped with wrecking pumps and apparatus for assisting vessels, and for general towing in Gulf and Atlantic ports.

The sea-going barge "Three Brothers," 600 tons D. W. capacity.

Deep-sea Diving Suit, with competent divers.

Small lots of Coal at reasonable rates.

Telegraphic Address: "DEWEY," Punta Gorda Fla. Scott's Code Used

NEW STORE IN TOWN!

BRAND NEW STOCK OF GROCERIES! FULL LINE OF

STAPLE AND FANCY GOODS

—AND PRICES AT THE LOWEST NOTCH—

I have just Opened Up a Select and Complete Stock in the Stetson Building Between J. R. Elliott's and A. Roe's and respectfully invite the public to call and examine my goods and prices.

NEW LINES WILL BE ADDED CONSTANTLY.

E. O. CORAM,

PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA.

Tin & Galvanized Iron Works

M. T. Swift, Prop.

Roofing, Guttering and Repair Work

Best material and best workmanship

Sole Agent for

Rubberoid Roofing.

Full line of Gasolene Stoves of Improved make—Punta Gorda, Florida.

NORTH CAROLINA CORN WHISKY

At \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$3.00 per Gallon.

RYE WHISKY

At \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 per Gallon

Direct to Consumers

Saving middlemen's profits. All express charges paid by me on packages of two gallons or more to limits of the Southern Express Co. Terms, CASH WITH ORDER. Write for Descriptive Circular. Reference: Commercial agencies or any merchant here.

J. H. WOOLLEY

Cherryville: North Carolina.

DR. MOFFETT'S TEETHINA (TEETHING POWDERS)

Rev. J. W. Berry (of Arkansas Methodist Conference, writes): "Endorsed and fifty cents for which please mail me two packages of 'TEETHINA.' We wonder how we have raised children without it. The other day a lady in Miami sent me a package and I gave it to a most opportune time; our baby was in a serious condition; his bowels had been in bad condition for days, and nothing that we gave did any good; the second dose of 'TEETHINA' gave perfect relief and he has had no further trouble. Other members of the family have used it and every dose has been a perfect success."